

✓ Replace the paragraph between page 1, line 14 and page 1, line  
22 with the following: - Such a method is described in the  
published German Patent Document DE 35 45 172 A1,  
corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 4,707,902, wherein,  
initially, the ends of a rubber blanket formed with register  
cut-outs are inserted between clamping bars in a clamping  
device outside of a printing machine until the register cut-  
outs come into contact with register pins belonging to the  
clamping devices. The clamping bars of the clamping devices  
are then connected by clamping screws. The clamping devices  
with the rubber blanket are then applied to a cylinder in the  
printing machine. -

In the Claims:

~~Claim 2 (amended). A rubber blanket configuration,~~  
~~comprising:~~

~~a rubber blanket formed of a blanket material;~~

~~said rubber blanket having a clamping bar with register cut-  
outs formed therein.~~

~~Claim 3 (amended). The rubber blanket configuration according  
to claim 2, wherein said clamping bar is disposed only on an  
underside of the blanket material.~~